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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Counsel to the Director
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Mitch:

Herewith are my comments on the SSC recommendations.

A few general observations on the total package for what they are worth. In a certain sense, it is a statesman-like document. While I do not agree with all the recommendations, that was not the purpose of the review. While I did not like everything I read, I believe the Agency has received fair treatment. There will be those who will want to force a major rewrite of certain portions. I advise caution because we could be worse off if we get antagonistic.

Cheers.

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P.S. I certify this document has been read by no other individual than myself.

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Comments on Recommendations

--Page 4, III.12.

Doubt if it is sound rational policy to refer to the "Clandestine Service of the CIA" in this report.

--Page 5, III.15.

This is an assumption of the responsibilities of the DCI and the Director of the FBI.

--Page 10, IV.18.

George Bush had better dwell on this one.

--Page 10, IV.19B.

This would emasculate the power of DCI.

--Page 23, V.F.54.

What "external" controls?

--Page 23, V.F.59.

Good point. Former DCIs should definitely be included.

--Page 26, V.H.65., 66., 67., 68.

Unfair. Directives are already on the books.

--Page 32, IX.1.

Accepted only if it pertains to IX. As a general recommendation, much too broad.

--Page 34, X.A.

This recommendation, curiously enough, has serious security ramifications. Suggest it be discussed with Mr. Gambino.